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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Release of NIE 27.1-56, "Probable Developments in Spain,"
to Certain Foreign Governments

1. The Board of National Estimates has reviewed NIE 27.1-56 with a view to its release to certain foreign governments and regards the following considerations as pertinent:

a. Precedent. The last Spanish estimate, NIE 27.1-54, "Probable Developments in Spain," 17 May 1954, was not released to any foreign government (IAC-M-156, Secretary's Note 2, 15 June 1954).

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c. Classification and Sources. This estimate refers to no specific intelligence sources, and does not compromise any NOFORN material for which this Agency is responsible. We are not able to

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determine whether there would be a compromise of sources or NOFORN materials for which other agencies are primarily responsible.

d. Substantive. The Board notes that this estimate contains data on US economic aid (e.g., para. 7 of Advance Conclusions; paras. 32, 33 and 34 of the 11 June draft), information on US military assistance and programming (e.g., second sentence, para. 8 of Advance Conclusions; paras. 39, 41, 42, 44 and 45 of the 11 June draft; US base data on map), and various statements regarding Spain's relations with the US and other foreign countries, including the UK (e.g., para. 9 of Advance Conclusions; paras. 48, 49, 50, third sentence of para. 51, second sentence of para. 52 of the 11 June draft). Some or all of the information regarding US economic and military aid is already in the public domain. The Board is unable to judge whether deletions are necessary, but notes that if extensive deletions were made the effect would be to strip the estimate of a great deal of its substantive content, and perhaps to make any release undesirable.

2. Conclusion. Subject to the above considerations, and to review by other agencies of the issue of compromise of intelligence sources and NOFORN materials, the Board perceives no objection, purely from an intelligence viewpoint, to the release of this estimate

and recommends such release.

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